


<p><b>Name of Policy:</b> <a href="#">Infection control committee</a></p> <p><b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-87-13</p> <p><b>Approving Officer:</b> Chief of Staff</p> <p><b>Responsible Agent:</b> Chief Medical Officer</p> <p><b>Scope:</b> All University of Toledo Campuses</p>	 <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 09/01/2023</p> <p><b>Original Effective date:</b> 03/14/01</p>
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(A) Policy statement

It is the policy of the University of Toledo Medical Center and its Medical Staff that an Infection Control Committee will be appointed as defined below.

(B) Purpose of policy

To define the duties, responsibilities and composition of the Infection Control Committee.

(C) Procedure

(1) Duties and Responsibilities

The Infection Control Committee will consider all measures for the prevention and control of infections; develop forms, policies and procedures for preventing, identifying and reporting infections; provide periodic review and analysis of infections; supervise infection prevention and control in all phases of the Hospitals' activities including:

- (a) Emergency Rooms, Operating Rooms, Recovery Rooms, and Special Care Units;
- (b) Inpatient clinical units and outpatient clinics;
- (c) Rehab and other specialized units;
- (d) Hemodialysis unit;
- (e) Emergency preparedness;
- (f) Sterilization procedures by heat, chemicals, or otherwise;

- (g) Isolation procedures;
- (h) Prevention of cross infection by anesthesia apparatus or respiratory therapy equipment;
- (i) Oversight of the management of healthcare personnel and fit for duty status in regards to vaccination status, employee exposures and free of infectious conditions;
- (j) Disposal of infectious material;
- (k) Oversight of blood borne pathogen program;
- (l) Oversight of utilities program, including water and proper ventilation and air flow;
- (m) Other situations as requested by the Medical Executive Committee.

Also, it shall develop standard preventive programs related to tuberculosis for patients and the employees, and promote methods for the prompt reporting of tuberculosis.

The Committee shall act upon recommendations related to infection prevention and control received from the Chief of Staff, the Medical Executive Committee, the Chief Nursing Officer, the Clinical Services and other Medical Staff and Hospitals committees as appropriate. It shall maintain a permanent record of all activities relating to infection control and submit periodic reports thereon to the Executive Committee.

(2) Meetings:

The Committee shall meet regularly, not less than quarterly, and minutes shall include attendance of members.

***The Infection Control Committee is a peer review committee as defined by section 2305.25 of the Ohio Revised Code. As such, the committee's proceedings and records are held in confidence.***

